

Establishment: Misappropriation of funds and irregularities in Civil Supplies matter in Mandal Revenue Office, Tanuku Mandal to a tune of about Rs. 30,00,000/- to get deceitful gain – Sanction of Prosecution against Sri Relangi Satyanarayana, the then Dy. Tahsildar (Civil Supplies), Tanuku, (now retired) in Cr. No.6/2006 U/S 420,409,477-A, 120-B Indian Penal Code of CID P.S. Hyderabad - Orders – Issued

**Dated:24-9-2009**

Whereas, Sri Relangi Satyanarayana, worked a Deputy Tahsildar, (Civil Supplies) office of M.R.O Tanuku, W.G. Dist (A-2) during the period from 16-7-2002 to 23-10-2003 and as such he is public servant with in the meaning of section 21 of the Indian Penal Code of 1860 ( Act 45 of 1860);

And whereas, on the strength of the report of the Complainant Sri. V. Satyanarayana Reddy, Mandal Revenue Officer, Tanuku, W.G District a case in Cr. No. 06/2006 U/S 420, 409,477-A, 120-B Indian Penal Code of CID P.S Hyderabad was registered on 1-7-2006 at 4-00 P.M. A copy of FIR was sent to Inspector of Police, CID, RCIU, Rajahmundry, E.G District for investigation. The Vigilance and Enforcement Officer,

Rajahmundry has checked the records of Civil Supplies at Mandal Revenue Officer's office, Tanuku and found the following irregularities made by the then Mandal Revenue Officer, Sri. S. Venkata Subbaiah and Sri. R. Satyanarayana, Civil Supplies Deputy

Tahsildar, Tanuku which revealed huge loss of Rs. 30 lakhs of money to the Government. When the Vigilance and Enforcement officials checked the office of the Mandal Revenue Office, Tanuku, they obtained 152 Rice Coupon books and 659 kerosene Coupon books from R. Satyanarayana, Deputy Tahsildar (Civil Supplies) Tanuku. These books pertain to card holders under (17) seventeen Fair Price Shops. As per the record of the Mandal Revenue Officer's office, these coupons were issued to the concerned card holders. When verified with sale registers of the concerned Fair Price Shop, Fair Price dealers have shown that the full quota of rice as well as kerosene as being continuously issued to the concerned card holders for eight months from January 2003 to August 2003. As seen from extracts of coupons distributing registers that though these books have never left the Mandal Revenue Officer's office, the concerned Fair Price Shop dealers has recorded the receipt of these coupons against issues regularly and the records of the Mandal Revenue Officer's office also show as if these coupons were received back from the Fair Price Shop dealers concerned every month. During the course of enquiry 19 Fair Price Shop dealers have come forward voluntarily and surrendered 986 coupons books to the Vigilance and Enforcement officer. On verification of 1797 seized and surrendered coupon books it is revealed that all these cards are in the names of persons who are either dead or not residing in the village etc., It was seen that against 986 coupon books surrendered by 19 Fair Price Shop dealers also full quotas of Rice and Kerosene was shown as regularly issued for the last 8 months from January to August 2003. As per the recorded statement of Sri. R. Satyanarayana, Deputy Tahsildar (Civil Supplies) Tanuku, the then Mandal Revenue Officer, Sri. S. Venkata Subbaiah in collusion with the former issued Bogus coupons books on receipt of gratification @ 1,000/- per rice coupon book of 10 qtls and Rs. 100/- for 24 kerosene coupons from the concerned Fair price Shop dealers through a private person T. Malleswara Rao who was found working unauthorized in the office of the Mandal Revenue Officer's office, Tanuku. The entire evidence brought out above as per the Government Memo No. 11032/Vig.III (1)2004-7, Dated: 20-6-2005;

And whereas, during the course of investigation, the Investigating Officer had visited the office of Mandal Revenue Office, Tanuku both Rural and Urban areas and examined the defacto complainant, present Mandal Revenue Officer and Deputy Tahsildar, Civil Supplies and some other revenue officials and recorded their detailed statements. The Inquiry Officer seized the bogus rice and Kerosene coupon booklets and Civil Supplies records pertaining to Fair Price shops and Mandal Revenue Officer's Office, from Deputy Tahsildar (Civil Supplies) Sri I.Nageswara Rao in the presence of mediators. The Inquiry Officer has also went the Vigilance & Enforcement Office, Rajahmundry and obtained a copy of suo-moto report submitted by the then Regional Vigilance and Enforcement Officer, Rajahmundry to the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement, AP., Hyderabad. As could be seen from the same, it is disclosed that in Tanuku Mandal there are 49 Fair price Shops existing and that on 12-9-2003 the

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Regional Vigilance & Enforcement Officer, Rajahmundry and his staff have conducted raid on the Mandal Revenue Office, Tanuku and subsequently conducted door to door verification of Ration Cards and Coupons. During the course of their raid and verification 811 bogus Rice & Kerosene Coupon Books have been seized from the possession of the then Dy. Tahsildar Sri. R. Satyanarayana and 986 bogus Rice & Kerosene Coupon Books have been seized from 31 Fair Price Shop Dealers (Total 1797).

The Bogus 1797 bogus Rice & Kerosene Coupon Books code numbers have been verified with the records maintained at Mandal Revenue Officer's office and found tallied. In genuine cases, the signatures/thumb impressions of the card holders have been obtained and endorsed by the concerned Revenue Assistants in Coupon Distribution Registers, but in case of bogus coupon books issue, there are no such endorsement by Revenue Officials. The enquiry made by the Regional Vigilance & Enforcement Officer, Rajahmundry reveals that the names of the dead persons and names of migrant persons etc., were entered in Coupon Distribution Registers by Dy. Tahsildar (Civil Supplies) and Private Clerk under the supervision of Mandal Revenue Officer and the bogus rice coupons sold to the dealers @ Rs. 1000/- per 10 quintals of rice and Rs. 100/- per each kerosene coupon causing substantial loss to the Government by deception and made recommendations to take necessary disciplinary action. Later the Inquiry Officer visited the places like Eluru, Kovvuru, Penugonda, Peravali, Palakollu, Visakhapatnam, etc., and examined the Civil Supplies and Revenue Official and obtained the required documents from them. The Inquiry Officer also visited the places like Vijayawada, Ongole, Kakinada, Bheemavaram and Nidadavole etc., and examined the Vigilance & Enforcement officials and recorded their detailed statements. During the investigation, the entries of the records and registers of 31 Fair Price Shops pertaining to Civil Supplies Wing were verified with the seized coupons of 1797 and found the frauds as to how fictitious entries were made and a detailed shop wise verification report was prepared in this regard;

And whereas, the record verification reveals that A-1 and A-2 the Revenue officials with the assistance of A-3 private clerk made fictitious entries in the coupon distribution register maintained in the Mandal Revenue Officer's office and the A-4 to A-37 the Fair price Shop dealers having colluded with the above A-1 to A-3, block marketed the ration and made fictitious entries in the sale registers maintained by them. There are no proper entries in the basis register maintained in Mandal Revenue Officer's office pertaining to the each and every shop and neither rounded off nor were the non eligible names struck off. The CID collected sufficient oral/documentary evidence and established the following charges against the accused Sri Relangi Satyanarayana, former Deputy Tahsildar, Civil Supplies, Mandal Revenue Office, Tanuku, W.G District (A-2 in the case) who worked in Mandal Revenue Officer's office, Tanuku from 16-7-2002 to 23-10-2003 as Deputy Tahsildar (Civil Supplies). According to job chart of Dy. Tahsildar (Civil Supplies) vide G.O.Ms.No. 3, Revenue (Ser.V-III) Dept., Dt: 5-1-1990 of Govt. of A.P., Hyderabad, he is primarily responsible for the allotment of commodities strictly as per the requirement based on the number of cards attached to each Fair Price Shop. He shall inspect the Fair Price Shops frequently and ensure that the distribution goes on  
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smoothly vide Cl. (IV) under Public Distributor System and submission of periodical reports of both urban and rural vide Cl.(VII) under Enforcement keep the card registers, other relevant records updation of records from time to time, reporting of card position to DSO at end of every fortnight and elimination of bogus cards vide Cl. under Enforcement.

During January 2003 to August 2003, Sri R.Satyanarayana, (A-2 in this case) never bothered to take up elimination of bogus cards or updation of relevant records. Important record i.e., are managed to disappear to escape from the scrutiny of his liabilities. His silence in his duties attributes the connivance with 31 dealers for misappropriation of essential commodities worth Rs. 30,00,000/- during his tenure in collusion of A-2. Hence the A-2 Relangi Satyanarayana, is punishable under Section

420, 409,477-A, 120-B , Indian Penal Code read with Section 34 of Indian Penal Code, 1860;

And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh after careful examination of the report of the CID, Andhra Pradesh and record of investigation placed before them, consider that the accused Sri Relangi Satyanarayana, Formerly Deputy Tahsildar, Civil Supplies, Mandal Revenue Office, Tanuku, W.G District, (A-2 in this case) (now retired ) should be prosecuted in the court of law for the said offences or any other offences relating to the said case;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 197 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Act 2 of 1974) the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of Sri Relangi Satyanarayana, Formerly Deputy Tahsildar, Civil Supplies, Mandal Revenue Office, Tanuku, W.G District (A-2 in this case) (now retired) for the aforesaid offences and for any other offences punishable under other provisions of law in respect of the aforesaid acts while acting are purporting to act in discharge of his official duties and for taking cognizance of the said offences by the court of competent jurisdiction. The Government of Andhra Pradesh further in exercise of powers conferred under sub-section (4) of Section 197 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 hereby authorizes the Inspector of Police, CID, RCIU, Rajahmundry to prosecute the above mentioned accused for the said offences and for taking cognizance of the said offences by the court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

RAJESHWAR TIWARI  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Additional Director General of Police,  
CID, Hyderabad,  
Copy to: Law (E) Department.

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